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JUDGE SWANN SEES PERIL IN TOO MUCH PRISON REFORM.

Sessions trying criminal cases ranging all the way from ordinary theft up to murder. He has watched with increasing seriousness the development of wrongdoing and he has observed carefully the efforts made to reform criminals, to put convicts on their feet after they have "paid their debt to society." He is convinced that while much has been done tending to ameliorate former conditions, very much more remains to be done ere to the question "What shall be done with the convicte?"

There is no doubt," he mid. when useing this matter for readers of BED SUNDAY SUN, "that the tendency the times is to soften the rigors the law. How far this tendency uld be carried to, in my opinion, a

e problem.

e see could feel more emphatthan I the necessity for
sanitary, healthful surroundings
convicted prisoners while serving
terms of imprisonment. None deal system which would help such deal system which would help such deal system which would help such dealers to win their way back again to benest livelihood and self-respect that they are discharged from prison, pastentiary or jail. Yet I am very see that in many, many instances an disce of mindirected sympathy operates as a wrong to the coaviet and a greater every to seclety as a whole. The idea seems to be passing away that a man who commits orime must feel that he is being punished therefall that he is being punished therefall and I am by no means sure that a period of restraint within prison wish more earnestly for a prac-

a period of restraint within prison walls is sufficient for the purpose, when the effect of such restraint is greatly lessened by an outpouring of sympathy which makes the convict think that instead of being a respon-sible man who has committed orime he is the victim of circumstances extronment, conditions of modern life. and that on such conditions should be laid the blame for his own wrong-

pathy and too many tender hearted men seem to lose their sense of jus-tice now and then, being carried away by what may be termed the glamour of crime. To such persons there appears to be something picof extending a hand of helpfulness to a man just out of prison, or striving to get off with suspended or indeterminate sentence. His deed, his exploit of wrongdoing, particularly if it involve more than ordinary dash and daring, provides a curious appeal to the emotions of many of the more sympathetic, and they are swayed by these emotions instead of being controlled by their powers of judgment.

"This tendency to pick up the crim inal and help him on in every way ather than to extend as great and as prompt assistance to the honest man who needs equal assistance seems to be the present vogue. The recoil will the angle of repose and eventment in prison, which undoubtedly should serve the important purpose of emplated by others.

There is no question whatever in my mind that the teaching of the a bad influence. It weakens the moral fibre of the criminal. It makes him feel that he is not responsible for his own lawless act. It inevitably instils in his mind the subtle, vicious idea that he cannot help doing wrong. and inculcates the equally dangerous idea that there's no use in combating

conditions which surround him. "Do not misunderstand me, please, don't suppose for an instant that men and women who are doing all are instilling such ideas. But I many cases such dangerous ideas result from their excess of sympathy.

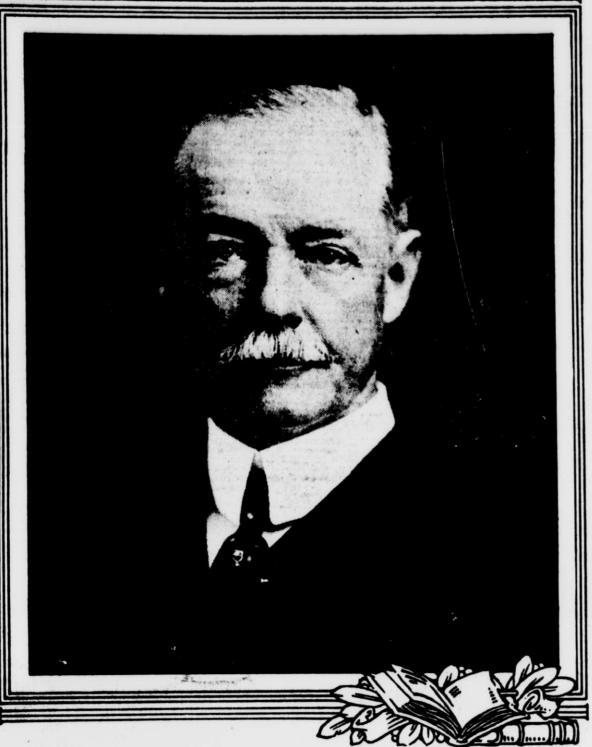
Convicts are glorified by some of the sensational newspapers, as well as by foolish speeches made regarding been indicated the doctrine of resistance has been growing; perhaps subconsciously and without being realized, but growing none the less. Now, tain localities, to certain populations, o certain social conditions; but emphatically it is not applicable "then dealing justly with the criminal element of this great city of New York. right here? Non-resistance to what? To the warfare of criminals upon so-

clet y-which is what crime really amounts to. Is it wise to teac'., even ndirectly, non-resistance to such warfare upon honest people, upon the those who are living within the law and respecting their neighbors' rights?

"Furthermore, such teaching cannon-resistance to their criminal im-"There is no doubt that in past eras des were punished too severely, as thleving. We are now feeling the resuit of the other extreme. It is necessary for us to be on our guard lest the pendulum swings beyond our control as members of modern society.

Three-fourths of the men who come before me to be tried for alleged crime are under the age of 25. That is one thing of importance to remember. A second is that three-fourths of the crimes committed are crimes of greed, the number of which I include high

Swann has been sitting on the Swann has been sitting on the bench in the Court of General Points Out Dangers in Present Tendency to Soften Rigors of Punishment---Misdirected Sympathy Works More Harm Than Good, He Thinks



Judge Edward Swann

fore we see that an overwhelming per- want to stay home or go somewhere centage of crime is the direct result of else this kind of a mother would think reason. human selfishness in men.

"Right here I wish to say that impulses." women do not commit crimes of greed.

nal who comes before me is under 25. to see some of them brought before the generously inclined, sympathetic This includes, of course, many an old me for trial in coming years. offender: so as a matter of fact a very they can to aid convicts imagine that heavy proportion of those tried in lutionary change in the ideals formerly my hearing are boys of 17 or 18. The held as to the function and directing am just as positive that in far too statement should give pause for and conserving power of the individual thought by those who are earnestly home in America. It argues also a

ence and continuousness of crime. "We have seen that at least three- well. them. Through such methods as have fourths of the offences are crimes of family; the second is so to guide and greed; we now see that almost as instruct the children that they will large a proportion of men haled into General Sessions and charged with bers of the community, a source of crimes are scarcely more than boys, strength to the State. in fact that in the eyes of the law by Tolstoy may be applicable to cer- they are infants. Now, possibly, we can see something of the root of the tune, and disregard their children al- In too many cases, when the Judge

trouble. "What causes these boys to become criminals, to make necessary our vast and expensive system of police, detective bureaus, courts, prisons, reformatories and all the other machinery of justice? In a word, it is gen- her young as they should be reared: erally the individual home that is at fault; the ignorance, the carelessness. the laxity of parents in the individual ents and others—and allows them to of this class come into court and offer

"There is one class of parent to which I wish to call particular atten- tually starting her sons on the way hire the criminal for the simple purtion, and this is the parent-usually to the reformatory or penitentiary. the mother-in well to do or affluent circumstances who is endeavoring Judge Swann exclaimed. "Rather is it of employer will hang on to his man not but inculcate in the criminally inclined the far more dangerous idea of theories of what is called 'advanced serious thought regarding fundamenThe retrograding of thought, of sober, as long as he possibly can.

"At my request the probations of the retrograding fundamenideas.' Of course there are many ses. I think we are inclined to go kinds of advanced ideas, but the kind vancing, it is a reversion of intelli- ence and calm judgment, has furnished I ...er to is that which means lack of restraint, even of guidance, over the civilization toward that state of social portant matter—the ease with which young of both sexes. In a family individualism which, when carried to a man in prison can obtain sympathy where this obtains you generally find the father, if living, a successful pro-

fessional or business man, immersed

advanced ideas to which I refer seems the types of neglect that have been as victims of misfortune, of accident be that each individual, regardless mentioned? Primarily, no, perhaps. of age, should be permitted to work

it cruel to 'interfere with their natural

"Perhaps many readers of THE Cupidity is not one of the character- Sun have not happened to come criminal that he is more sinned istics of their nature. Crimes of vio- in contact with such advanced ideas against than sinning, and that he is lence caused by uncontrolled impulse, and may be inclined to wonder product of social conditions, has by passion? Yes; women commit such whether the condition is at all general. crimes: but crimes involving their per- My own observation is that it is by no sonal integrity almost never. In fact means confined to a small and limited it is the general rule that when an number. It would not be difficult to offence of larceny has been committed recall definite instances of boys growby a woman, officers of the law al- ing up under such lack of restraint. ways look, and at once, for the man in | who may be expected to come into a the case who inspired such wrong- criminal court almost any time after they reach the age of 17 or 18. Cer-"I have said that the average crimi- tainly I should not be at all surprised

> "Now this argues a great and revoseeking some solution, even some disregard of fathers as well as mothmodification, for the age long exist- ers, of the second most important duty offer to employ a convicted man for they owe their children and society as Their first duty is support of

undertake to fathom the erratic conwho, for the sake of what she terms faith with the court and then dis-'advanced ideas' throws over her charges him. shoulder all responsibility for rearing

"And they call it 'advanced ideas' "!

logical conclusion, spells anarchy. "If it were possible we might pus-

"Almost all the men who come be- out his or her destiny in life, un- ish the relatives, or visit correction HEMSTITCHED TABLE SETSfore me year after year are there be- hampered by any one else. The upon social conditions which encourever, we must consider whether the cause of their intent and desire of mother insists on doing as she wishes aged the lapse into wrongdoing. This excess of sympathy to which reference getting something without giving an without restraint, and when logical view has been brought to attention so she insists that her children likewise widely that the existing vogue of exinstances overbalance the sense of them show in this way unwillingness shall do about as they please. If they sive sympathy for convicts may punishment, the fear of future punish- to live by honest labor. At basis there- want to go to school all right; if they we some reason for being held, although it is not good and sufficient

> "We can sympathize sincerely with the convict, the victim of the delinquent home of his childhood; vet. whoever or whatever caused him to drift little by little into a career lawbreaking, the fact remains that if he is not made to feel punishment and disgrace for breaking the law no sufficient deterrent exists against other crimes in coming years. The great sympathy felt for the convicted criminal is seen in the efforts made by persons to effect their early release from confinement in penal or reformatory institutions, as well as to prevent incarceration by obtaining postponement of sentence through probational behavior. Roughly the Man'f'r's Samples & Surplus persons referred to may be divided

> into three classes: "I. Those who are genuinely Nainsook, Lawn and Volle-Russian, prompted by generous impulses to French and Yoke Styles-daintiest lend a helping hand to one who they think is unfortunate.

"2. Those who go into court and to 6 years. the purpose of getting the trial Judge often have been moved to take such action by appeals from the family of become good citizens, respected mem- the criminal or from personal friends of both. Often such a person is the grocer, butcher or other tradesman "What the men are thinking of who from whom the family of the convicted most as if they belonged to some other suspends sentence, the tradesman person, I don't know; and I cannot gives the convicted man employment volutions of the brain of a mother science feel at ease about keeping

"3. With a limited but very real class the Judge has to use utmost care teaching them self-control, habits of and discretion in order to see that the obedience, industry, respect for par- criminal is not imposed upon. People grow up any way they choose. Such to give work to the convict if the court a mother, through such neglect, is vir- will suspend sentence. They seek to pose of getting him to work for less than he is worth. Of course this kind

"At my request the probation . Meer tals of life. Instead of thought ad- Mr. Kimball, a man of large experigence, a slipping backward from true me with his opinion in this very imand employment, when great difficulty "Now that sort of delinquent home is often experienced by another man is just as dangerous as the vastly who needs work ust as seriously, but in his work, toiling, thinking, plan- larger number of homes in squalid who happens to be an honest man ning day and night to increase his neighborhoods of poverty, where chil- without criminal record. Mr. Kimball wealth, and the mother with all her dren have to play in the streets, and finds that in the mercantile community material wants supplied and nothing see on every side examples of victous of New York city there exists generelse to occupy her active mind and and disreputable lives. Should a little ally an abhorrence of crime and crim body an active advocate of 'advanced | child, born innocent into the world, be | inality, but when specific cases are | blamed for going wrong in future | brought to the attention of this busi-"The basis of this especial brand of years if he is the victim of either of ness man or that, criminals are classed

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